AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs, beginning on page 1, the line numbered 7, and ending on page 2, the line numbered 2, with the following amended paragraphs:

A conventional blower may be used for inflating an object, such as a huge toy balloon ~~in which kids may play there~~. The conventional blower 10 is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and generally includes a base 11 which is put on the ground and has a recessed area 112 and an inlet 113 is defined in the wall of the recessed area 112. A motor assembly 12 including a motor 121 and a fan device 123 is inserted into the chamber in the base 11 via an open top 111 of the base 11. The motor 121 has lugs 122 which are fixed to recesses 115 on a top of the base 11. A casing 13 is mounted to the top of the base 11 and includes an outlet 131 so as to send air therefrom. ~~Nevertheless, it~~ It is also noted, that because the position of the inlet 113 is close to the ground, ~~so that~~ dust and peddles are sucked into the blower and ~~could~~ can damage the parts of the fan device 123 and the motor 121. Furthermore, the air sucked from the inlet 113 leaks from the gaps 116 between the fan device 123 and the periphery of the open top 111. The distance between the motor 121 and the base 11 is too small to release the heat from the motor 121 so

that the base 11 could be burned. Once the electric power is shut unexpectedly, the air in the huge balloon escapes from the outlet 131 and the inlet 113, and the balloon collapses to trap the kids in the balloon.

The present invention intends to provide a blower that has an anti-back device to prevent the air in the balloon ~~goes~~ going back from the blower when no electric power is provided.

II. Please replace the paragraph, beginning on page 2, the line numbered 23, and ending on page 3, the line numbered 15, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 is an exploded view to show a conventional blower;

Fig. 2 is a side cross sectional view of the conventional blower;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view to show the blower of the present invention;

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Fig. 4 is a perspective view to show the blower of the present invention, viewed from the other end of the blower;

Fig. 5 is an exploded view to show the blower of the present invention;

Fig. 6 is a side cross sectional view of the blower of the present invention;

Fig. 7 is an end view of the blower of the present invention;

Figs. 8 and 9 show the open and close positions of the plate of the anti-back device, and

Fig. 10 shows two blowers are overlapped with each other.

III. Please replace the paragraph, beginning on page 3, the line numbered 18, and ending on page 4, the line numbered 11, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 3 to 7, the blower of the present invention comprises a base 20 having a transverse passage 21 defined therethrough and the transverse passage 21 defines a first hole 22 and a second hole 23 through two opposite ends of the base 20. An inlet member 40 is connected to the base 20 and composed of a collar 42 and a screen 41 fixed to the collar 42. The inlet member 40 covers the first hole 22 of the base 20. A plurality of sub-inlets 28 with screens are defined through a wall of the base 20 and the sub-inlets 28 communicate with the

transverse passage 21. A ring 24 is connected to the base 20 and encloses the second hole 23. The ring 24 includes a tapered outer periphery. The base 20 includes a plurality of recessed areas 25 on an outer periphery of the base 20 and each recessed area 25 forms a connection port 251 in an inner periphery of the transverse passage 21. A motor 30 is received in the transverse passage 21 and has lugs 31 which are fixed to the connection ports 251. A fan device 32 driven by the motor 30 extends from the second hole 23 and ~~an end of the fan device 32 is mounted to~~ the tapered outer periphery of the ring 24 extends to an open end of the fan device 32.